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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SOFTWARE LOADING AND INITIALIZATION  
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Sir:



The Examiner is hereby notified that for the following related application an  
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**DISCLOSURE OF OFFICE ACTION**

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The related application may contain one or more claims that may be substantially similar to one or more claims in the present application, and those claims may have been rejected in the related application. Therefore, the Examiner is encouraged to review the file history of the related application as some of the information contained therein may be material to the examination of the present application.

Enclosed is at least one copy of Form PTO/SB/08 (A or B) together with copies of the documents cited on that form, if needed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has

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It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered and that each enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned.

Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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